

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
SB 85: Methamphetamine and Drug-Endangered Children

Background

A child living in a home where methamphetamine is **made** is exposed to immediate dangers and to the ongoing effects of chemical contamination.

Likewise, adult meth **use** can endanger children. Children can come in contact with the drug or drug paraphernalia.

Overview

SB 85 would expand the crime of child endangerment to include exposure to methamphetamine. The bill addresses the manufacture and use of the drug.

Under SB 85, it would be illegal for any adult in the presence of a child to:

- produce or manufacture or attempt to produce or manufacture meth,
- possess any combination of the materials considered precursors to dangerous drugs with the intent to make meth, or
- cause or permit a child to inhale, be exposed to, have contact with or ingest meth or meth paraphernalia.

Penalties

Meth-related child endangerment would be a felony, subject to a sentence of up to five years or a fine or up to \$10,000 or both. If the child suffers serious bodily injury, the fine could be up to \$25,000 and the prison term could be up to 10 years.